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A copy of each listed document is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a language other than English.

a. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2001-287421. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 2 of the specification of the present application and is shown in the English-language abstract.

b. Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-25214. The relevance of this document is shown in the English-language abstract.

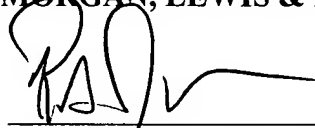
c. Japanese Patent Application No. 8-251319. The relevance of this document is shown in the English-language abstract.

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		2001-287421	Oct. 16, 2001	Japan			w/abstract	
		2000-025214	Jan. 25, 2000	Japan			w/abstract	
		8-251319	Sep. 27, 1996	Japan			w/abstract	

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